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TITLE: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR DISTRIBUTING SOFTWARE
BETWEEN COMPUTER SYSTEMS

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the non-final office action dated July 2, 2003 ("Office Action"), in which the Examiner rejected pending claims 1-40 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. Applicants have amended certain claims and submit that the pending claims, including amended claims, are patentable over the cited art for the reasons discussed below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14.